



By Kent Watts

Edison's five year grip on the city playoffs was broken January 11, as the Pershing "B" team beat Edison with a score of 45-33. J. Taylor led the "B" team to victory by scoring 14 points. Pershing and Lanier are tied now as Southern Division basketball champions. A Northern Division opponent for Pershing has not been picked yet. The "A" team didn't do quite as well as the "B" team. Edison won 55-35.

Track season is just beginning. The events for boys 13 or under are: the 50 yard dash, the 100 yard dash, the 220 yard relay, the 440 yard relay, the 880 yard run, the running broad jump, the high jump, and the 8 lb. shot put. The events open for boys 14 and over are: the 100 yard dash, the 220 yard dash, the 880 yard run, the 440 yard relay, the 660 yard relay, the 880 yard relay, the 75 yard low hurdles, the high jump, the running broad jump, and the 8 lb. shot put.

ESCAPE —

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Still they raced on!

He looked back; they were still there but farther behind now. More speed! Slowly, very slowly he began to pull away. Fifty, then a hundred yards more they dropped back.

It was dark but still he ran on. Fear gripped his heart; he increased his speed. His lungs heaved and his heart pounded within him.

Then a sudden bolt of pain raced up his side. He pitched forward, his leg limp. He had not seen the hole. His heart raced, partly from exhaustion more from fear. He tried to rise, but the pain which he had momentarily forgotten returned, stronger than ever and he fell exhausted on the ground.

The night passed slowly—every moment he feared they would see him and he would be lost.

With the coming of the dawn wild hope filled him. Had they lost the trail? He saw water nearby. Painfully he dragged himself to it. It was cold and wet. It refreshed him and then, and only then, he saw the gray forms close to the ground. He tried to rise and flee but they were upon him!

QUIPS THAT WHIP

Some people talk in class; others are on the Honor Roll.

Every class has an individual who thinks the rest of the class is lucky to know him.

There is no limit to the generosity of one person with another person's money.

Students who never change their minds, seldom have minds to change.

They were so poor they didn't have a roof over their heads on which to put a television aerial.

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A boy may enter one dash, one relay and one field event.

I guess everyone knows that Mr. Stewart left Pershing to coach at Lamar. Mr. Barfield took his place as Pershing's head coach. Mr. Reitz is a new coach for Pershing.

Football intramurals will be starting soon.

"All the Brothers Were Valiant"

By Dorothy Evelyn Reese

"Jack Slade," my brother, was "Walking My Baby Home." This made me mad for she is "All I Desire." "The Girl Next Door" is "Forever Female," and will make some guy a "Dream Wife." "Vickie" disproves the theory that "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes" for she is a brunette.

This "Affair With a Stranger" was a "Strange Deception."

When I went to bed that night I dreamed of my brother. He was shipped on the "Titanic" through the "Cruel Sea" to the "Island in the Sky." "Wandering" in the "Valley of the Headhunters" he was being pursued by the "White Witch Doctor." "Safari Drums" sounded as he made his "Flight to Tangier."

The "Sea-Devils" then captured him, and he became a "Prisoner of the Casbah." There was "No Escape" for "The Moon-lighter," for he was guarded by "Invaders from Mars," a "Phantom from Space," and the "Beast of 20,000 Fathoms."

I awoke in a "Split Second." The next day "Vickie" and "Jack Slade" were married and I was a "Member of the Wedding." After the ceremony I went to see "Kiss Me Kate," and at the "Stage Door" I met "Those Redheads from Seattle." Thus the "Marshall's Daughter" fled from my mind. But "It Happens Every Thursday."

ANSWERS TO BOOK QUIZ

1. Jack Horner
2. Little Black Sambo
3. The Old Woman (Lady)
4. Black Beauty
5. The Mermaid
6. Jo (Little Women)
7. Helen Keller
8. Tennyson
9. Legend of Sleepy Hollow
10. Tom Sawyer's
11. Grimm
12. "Something is about to turn up."

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Schedule Planned For Girls' P. E.

The girls' P.E. classes have their spring semester activities lined up. This includes swimming, paddle badminton, deck tennis, softball, and tumbling. The ninth grade will also have modern dancing.

Classes in first aid for the ninth grade, health for the eighth grade and water safety for the seventh grade are being held.

Intramurals in deck tennis and softball will be played later in the semester.

New Hall Patrols Take Over

Mrs. Cornelia Smith's Hall Patrols took over the job of watching the doors around Pershing at the beginning of this semester.

This job was formerly that of Mr. Bender's Hall Patrol. So that Mr. Bender could devote full attention to his Traffic Patrol, his Hall Patrol was disbanded and Mrs. Smith took over.

It is the patrol's duty to keep the Pershing students from entering the building before 8:10 A.M. and to direct traffic in the halls.

Students are allowed to enter the building early if they have a written permit from a teacher or if they wish to go to the library.

In the latter case they should enter by the door that opens on the stairs. The library opens at 7:50 A.M.

If the weather is bad, the students are allowed to enter the auditorium, but must sit down.

The captains of Mrs. Smith's patrol are Bob Warrin, Jerry Johnson, and Ted Goebel.

The students on patrol will appreciate student cooperation in managing traffic.

SCHOLASTIC ART —

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tion at Carnegie Institution in Pittsburgh. This show will be held from May 8 to 31.

In Houston the drawings will be exhibited at Foley's. This showing will begin on February 27 and last until March 8.

The pictures that will be exhibited from Pershing are those that were hanging in the library of our school.

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Audrey Wallace	Robert Akin	Marylen Butler
	Carol Roddie	Farrie Etheredge

"B" TEAM CHAMPS OF SOUTHERN DIVISION

BULLETIN—The "B" team defeated Burbank Tuesday night, February 23, to win the City Championship by a score of 57 to 50.

Thursday, February 11, the Pershing "B" team beat Edison to win the championship of the Southern Division.

The "B" team defeated Edison for the second time this year by the score of 45-33. They also won an earlier game by a large margin.

The "B" team victory caused Edison to lose the basketball title which they had held for three consecutive years.

In previous games the team won by large margins. One game with Jackson was 50-16 in our favor.

Tuesday, two days before, our "B" team won a very important

Panda Hit Parade

"Vaya Con Dios"—Martha Ashburn
"If You Were Mine"—Patty Coon
"I Never Saw the Show"—Guess who!

"P.S. I Love You"—Dennis Sheehan
"Give Me the Name, Age, Height and Size"—David Gallman
"Cryin, Cryin, Cryin"—Beverly Bratton

"Ask Her For Me"—David Gallman
"No Other Love"—Stephanie Bender and Ross Thornton

"I'd Rather Die Young than Grow Old Without You"—Don Ballard and Barbara Biering

"Money, Honey"—Pam Bryan
"Hey, Miss Fannie"—Lee Alexander

"A Fool Was I"—Mary Alice House
"Women"—Gus Kernor
"Crazy Man Crazy"—B. J. Blackburn

"Stranger in Paradise"—Judy Mount and Jerry Evans

"Ricochet"—Walter Britain

LITTLE RED

Let's go out to the Ball Game
Let's travel to the Field House
Let's Cheer and Cheer and have lots of fun,

And when the game's over perhaps we'll have won.

The Eagles are flapping their wings
The Pandas are rolling their eyes.
Why not help our own Little Red
Come on, you gals and guys!
Let's go out to the Ball Game,
And really support our team
For let it always be said:
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—Mrs. Rollins

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It's A Dog's Life

While the members of Miss Edith Moreland's third period algebra class were nervously preparing for a test one day last term, a clean, "well-mannered" dog entered the room and sprawled in one of the aisles. As the test began, the dog gave one big yawn and fell asleep. Finally, Miss Moreland walked to the place where the sleeping animal lay. Instead of sending the animal out of the classroom as the students feared she might, Miss Moreland put them all completely at ease by saying, calmly, "You know, I don't think he'll ever pass the test."

Business Fields Discussed For H 9's

During the second week in February, Pershing was honored by the presence of two distinguished members of the business world who spoke to high ninth graders in order to help them in choosing their careers.

Wednesday, February 10, Mr. Robert Hughes, the Counselor for Adult Education of the Houston Public Schools, spoke to high ninth graders who assembled in the auditorium during the fifth period. His advice covered various fields of the business world, and he explained the opportunities and chances for advancement in each.

The following day, Thursday, February 11, Miss Gertrude Gibson, Assistant to the Dean of Women at Texas State College for Women in Denton, Texas, spoke to high ninth graders who gathered in the girls' gymnasium. She supplied the girls with information concerning careers for women, ranging from fashion modeling and acting to atomic research and archeology. She also displayed examples of work done by students of T.S.C.W.

Salt and Sugar

Sugar—to all of the wonderful girls that ran for sweetheart.

Salt—to Mrs. Rollins for not letting her typing class erase until after this six weeks.

Sugar—to Janis Pettit and Richard Keitt for making such a cute couple.

Salt—to Nancy Miller and Buddy Lacy for breaking up.

Sugar—to the ninth grade chorus for being asked to sing in the Shrine Crippled Children's Ball this year.

Salt—to Mr. Skinner for teaching Social Studies instead of Algebra.

Did You Send A Singing Valentine?

Mr. Thomasson's history classes were responsible for this activity. The valentines were sung during lunch periods and were very amusing.

The price was 25c a song, and the proceeds went to CARE for school supplies.

ENLARGED TRAFFIC PATROL TO DIRECT SCHOOL TRAFFIC

By Richard Harris

More boys than have ever been in Mr. Bender's Traffic Patrol at any one time were present Monday, February 1, at the first meeting of this club in room 106.

The purpose of the meeting was to organize and to plan handling of traffic around the school. Usually the patrol has about six boys, but present Monday were over twenty-five boys. They were issued cards and later received badges.

Chatter Salutes Best Homerooms

The CHATTER salutes Pershing's three BEST homerooms—Madden, Moreland and La Verne.

Why do we think they are best? Because they were the first three to be 100% for our school paper—the CHATTER.

Subscribing to the school paper indicates loyalty to the school and shows our good school spirit.

How about making your room one of the BEST! Enjoy the CHATTER and show your school spirit at the same time.



"Sweethearts" who were presented at the Sweetheart Dance are Carole Allen, ninth grade, Dorothy Lanford, seventh grade and Judy Mount, eighth grade.

Ninth Grade Chorus To Sing Again At Annual Shrine Ball

The ninth grade Chorus under the direction of Mrs. Virginia Perkins will perform February 26, 27, at the Annual Crippled Children's Ball.

Since there are so many in her classes, Mrs. Perkins will pick about 125 of her best voices for the two performances.

The feature number will be "Wagon Wheels" by Peter De Rose featuring the Houston Honey's, a square dancing team, and a choral background. They will also sing "You'll Never Walk Alone" by Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein. The finale will be "Vaya Con Dios (May God Be With You)" featuring a baritone soloist who is a Shriner, with a choral background.

This is the second year in a row Mrs. Perkins' Choral classes have been invited to sing at the Crippled Children's Ball.

P.T.A. NEWS

The P.T.A. has announced that its next meeting will be held March 2. The entertainment for the evening will be under the direction of Mrs. Alice Long, a member of the Pershing faculty. Some of her speech and dramatic students are going to present a very enjoyable thirty minutes play.

The main business of the evening will concern the nominating committee and their report. The next few P.T.A. meetings will be very important ones as the election of next year's officers will be involved. Everyone is urged to attend.

Homerooms Plant Red Bud Trees

Donations have been collected from all the homerooms toward the purchasing of red bud trees to beautify the school campus.

These trees will be a big improvement to the school grounds. Each homeroom will be responsible for planting and tending the trees it contributes.

Due to the large quantity purchased the school was able to get the trees at a great reduction.

SCHOLASTIC ART CONTEST HELD

This is the twenty-seventh year that Scholastic Magazines has sponsored the Scholastic Art Contest. The purpose of the contest is to give awards for the encouragement and recognition of student achievement in creative art. These regional exhibitions give students the opportunity for local recognition of their work.

The awards for the Regional Exhibitions are gold achievement keys and certificates of merit. All key-winning pieces are forwarded by the regional co-sponsors to Carnegie Institute for national judging.

The national awards are tuition scholarships to art schools, cash awards, and representation in the National High School Art Exhibition. (Continued on Page 4)



Busy with their new jobs and ready to serve you are the newly elected library officers: Tommy Stephens, treasurer; Sally Hancock, vice president; Warren Lewis, president.